

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

*November 25, 2025
City of Houston,
Housing and Community Development Department (HCD)
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the *City of Houston*.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 11, 2025, on behalf of the City of Houston, the City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the release of funds designated under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, (P.L. 118-42), by which Congress made available "grants for the Economic Development Initiative for the purposes of Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending." The grants will be used for the purpose of undertaking a project known as Edgewood Park Improvements. Additionally on behalf of the City of Houston, HCD will submit a request to HUD for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383, as amended) for this project along with funds under Section 420 of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 ([Pub. L. 114-113](#), approved December 18, 2015) (Appropriations Act) makes available \$300 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a major disaster declared in 2015, pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1974 ([42 U.S.C. 5121](#) et seq.), related to the consequences of Hurricane Joaquin and adjacent storm systems, Hurricane Patricia, and other flood events, as amended, and **Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974**, as amended. Public Laws are the appropriations acts that provide funding for each disaster. In addition to any requirements cited in the appropriations acts, the CDBG regulations in **24 CFR 570** apply to CDBG-DR funds.

The project is known as the Edgewood Park Improvements Project.

Edgewood Park Improvements is a larger initiative that entails two (2) smaller projects, both located in Edgewood Park and occurring along concurrent timelines. The first project is a multi-use detention basin, DR15 6A Edgewood Park Detention Basin (Multi-Use Detention Basin (and Associated Park Improvements)) carried out by the City of Houston's Public Works Department (HPW). The second project is the Edgewood Park Recreation Center project, which entails development of a new recreation center, carried out by the City's General Services Department (GSD) to replace the existing community center. While the community center is not receiving

any federal funds, it is being evaluated together with the detention basin since both projects take place in, and benefit the park, and are part of a larger strategy of park improvements.

Project Location: 5803 Bellfort Avenue, Houston, TX 77033 (Edgewood Park, approximately eleven (11) acres near NE corner of Southbank and Bellfort Avenue)

Project description: The proposed activity is known as the Edgewood Park Improvements Project, and it consists of two (2) projects assessed as one larger overarching project (a multi-use detention basin and a new community/recreation center, together with associated park improvements. They are assessed together despite the lack of federal funding for the center due to project aggregation under HUD 24 CFR 58.32, due to their common goal of improving the park and because of the recreational improvements in the basin.

The first of the two (2) Edgewood Park projects entails the development of a detention basin by the City of Houston Public Works Department (HPW), and the second project is the development of a new community recreation center.

DR15 6A Edgewood Park Detention Basin (Multi-Use Detention Basin (and Associated Park Improvements)): The scope of the project includes designing a multi-use detention basin in Edgewood Park and constructing park facilities such as bioswales, walking trails, benches, and pedestrian lighting. The improvements will be in the northern half of the park. The design includes a detention basin, new trails, a football field and landscaping, along with a basketball court and pavilion. The proposed basin is expected to cover approximately 3.5 acres, at an average depth of 2-3 feet, for a volume estimated at 304,920 cubic feet. The detention basin is designed to protect public safety and reduce flood risk by temporarily holding water during rainstorms, and to allow it to drain in directions away from the park and surrounding neighborhood development, so that lives and property receive enhanced protection during storm events. Basin Budget Estimate: Total DR15 HUD Funded: \$3,425,470.00. CPF (HUD/Federal): - \$850,000.00. Total HUD Funding Estimated: \$4,275,470.00. CIP (Non-Federal): Grant #4042 - \$336,274.00. Grand Total: Detention Pond Construction and Design: \$4,611,744.00

Edgewood Park Recreation Center (and Associated Park Improvements): The gym portion of the current Community Center was demolished after Hurricane Ike. The community room and restrooms continue to stay in operation and planning for a new community Recreation Center has been ongoing since that time. The new 12,500 square foot Edgewood Park Recreation Center is planned to be a gathering location for community residents of all ages. The center is designed to replace the original center that sustained heavy losses during and after Hurricane Ike in 2008, including the loss of the gymnasium. The existing center is only approximately 6,000 square feet, and while the new center will be over twice that size, it will comply with federal requirements at 24 CFR 55 and Chapter 19 local requirements by being elevated two (2) above the floodplain, and by any floodplain space displaced being offset by the detention basin. The finish floor of the building will be two (2) feet above the FFRMS (500-year) floodplain. There is an elevation certificate in place for the proposed recreation center renovation, and a final one will be issued as required before construction. Recreation Center Budget Estimate - \$8,734,000.00 total (\$8,590,000 construction, \$144,000.00 civic art and other; \$722,150.00 professional service

contract, \$12,638.00 civic art contribution; \$110,000.00 pre-construction service, grand total \$9,578,788.00) - No federal funding for center.

Grant / Project Identification Number	HUD Program	Program Name	Funding Amount
B-16-MH-48-0001	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Development Block Grants (Disaster Recovery Assistance)	\$3,425,470.00
B-24-CP-TX-2136	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Project Funding (CPF) Grants	\$850,000.00

**Estimated Total HUD Funded, \$4,275,470.00
Assisted or Insured Amount:**

Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]: \$14,190,532.00 grand total (\$4,611,744.00 detention basin; \$9,578,788.00 recreation center)

All federal funding will be for the detention basin.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Houston has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to P.O. Box 1562, Houston, TX 77251-1562 or 2100 Travis St., 9th Floor, Houston, TX 77002 or by email to hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov.

The Final Flood Notice for this Program is being published concurrently with this FONSI notice on the City of Houston HCD website, with a comment period of fifteen (15) days for each notice (November 25-December 10) as per HUD environmental regulations at 24 CFR 58.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, ATTN: Environmental Review Officer, 2100 Travis, 9th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 or by email to hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>. All comments received by the close of

business on December 10, 2025, will be considered by the City of Houston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Appointments for office visits to view the project description/environmental review in person are recommended to avoid any potential for delays. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Houston certifies to HUD that John Whitmire, in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Houston to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Houston; (b) the City of Houston has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), 1331 Lamar Street, Suite 550, Houston, Texas 77010 or e-mail at cpdrrofhou@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period and may do so by email or calling (713) 718-3199.

John Whitmire, Mayor
City of Houston
